

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2008, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by August 27, 2008.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tham.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 13-16 if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to add the features of claim 2 and allowable 3, both of which have been canceled. Claim 1 therefore is allowable by inclusion of the features of claim 3.

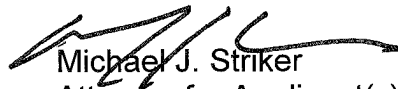
Allowable claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form, but also includes the features of allowable claim 8.

Finally, method claim 10 has been rewritten in allowable form by including the features of allowed claim 11, which was canceled. Method claims 12-16 were amended to depend from allowable claim 10, rather than device claim 1.

Claims 1, 4-10, and 12-16 as amended now stand in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much

welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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